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SUBJECT: A SYRIAN VIEW OF "MINOR ADJUSTMENTS"

1. SWISS AMBASSADOR TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 25 THAT HE HAD ASKED
FOREIGN MINISTER DIRECTOR OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
JOUAYJATI EARLIER IN WEEK HIS REACTION TO PRES. CARTER'S
RECENT STATEMENTS ON ME. INTERESTING PORTION OF
JOUAYJATI'S REPLY, AMBASSADOR SAID, CONCERNED ISSUE OF
BORDER ADJUSTMENTS. JOUAYJATI THOUGHT SARG COULD ACCEPT
MINOR BORDER RECTIFICATIONS "FOR DEMOGRAPHIC OR GROGRAPHIC
REASONS -- TO KEEP A FAMILY OR FARM INTACT, OR
A ROAD OR WELL ON THE SIDE WHERE ITS USERS WERE."
BUT HE REJECTED ANY THOUGHT OF BORDER MODIFICATIONS
FOR SECURITY REASONS.

2. COMMENT: JOUAYJATI'S REMARK IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH
SYRIA'S FORMAL AND DECLARED POSITION OF PRINCIPLE THAT IT
WILL NOT SURRENDER ONE INCH OF OCCUPIED SYRIAN TERRITORY.
AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT BEFORE, SYRIANS WILL BE VERY
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CONCERNED WITH PRECISE DELINEATION OF BORDERS IN ANY
SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATION AND WILL PROBABLY PREFER TO HAVE
IT DONE ON GROUND, BY SOME SORT OF JOINT COMMISSION,
RATHER THAN AT A CONFERENCE TABLE. SUCH A PROCEDURE COULD
EASILY INCLUDE THE TYPE OF MINISCULE RECTIFICATIONS AND
ADJUSTMENTS JOUAYJATI IS TALKING ABOUT WITHOUT COMPROMISING
THE SYRIAN PRINCIPLE. THIS VIEW OF WHAT CONSTITUTES A

FEASIBLE "MINOR ADJUSTMENT IN THE 1967 BORDERS," THEREFORE,
IS PROBABLY ONE WHICH SARG WOULD FIND ACCEPTABLE, ALTHOUGH
NOT AS IT WOULD APPLY TO THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.
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